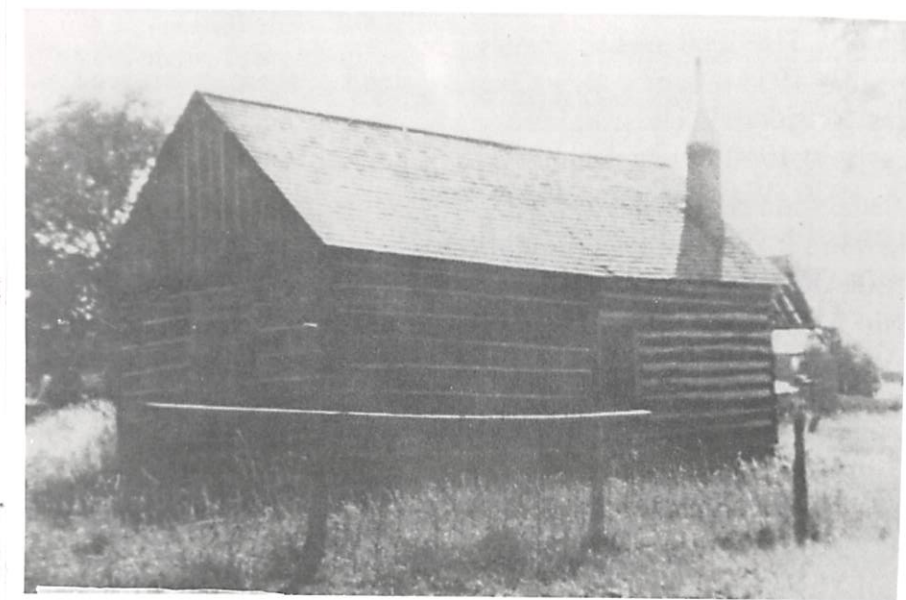


# Wasatch Co. Building Survey

Name of Building: John Hansen Log Home

Information Required	Date Found
Location:	
Address: <u>240 E 400 So</u> Town: <u>Heber UT</u>	
Architect: <u>apparently John Hansen</u>	
Builders:	
Building Material:	
Style of Building:	
Date Built:	
Original Owners: <u>John Hansen Family</u>	
FGS	
Pedigree	
Histories	
Pictures	
✓ Picture of original home.	
Subsequent Owners: <u>— — — LDS Church</u>	
Notes:	
References: <u>1. Heber Third Ward History</u> <u>p. 34, p 13,</u>	



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Monday, March 25, 1963. The Third Ward Chapel site was surveyed.

Saturday, April 6, 1963, the building dimensions were measured.

Monday, April 8, 1963, members of the Bishopric with Brother Veit of the Church Building Committee met to complete plans to start work. Present at the meeting were: Bishopric, Clerks and Russell J. Robertson who was sent to us to supervise the project, also Ward members who had been appointed to oversee special divisions as follows:

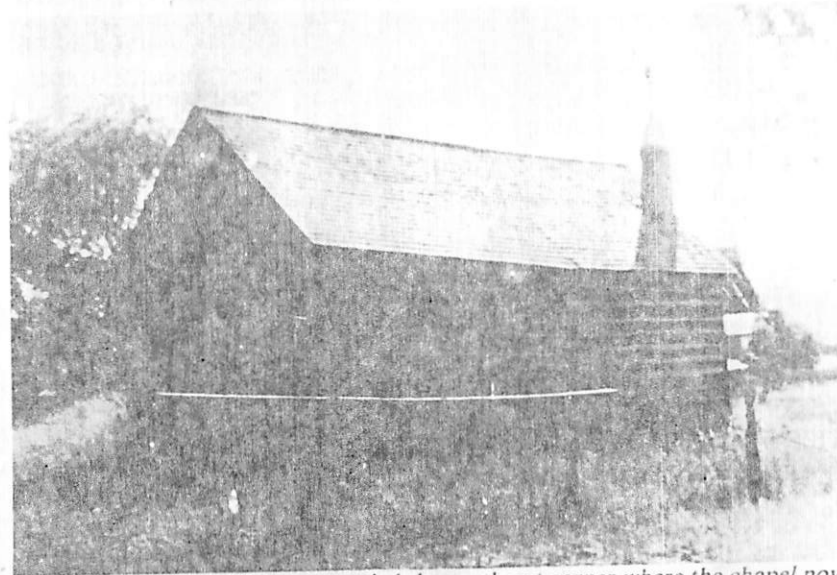
Leland Holdaway — Plumbing and Heating.

L. A. Wootton and Barton Davis — Electrical.

Manila Patterson — Project Clerk.

The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. and lasted until midnight.

Finance Committee consisted of the following: Glen and Margene Cobbley, Joint Chairmen, with Bert Dayton, Bob J. Patterson, C. L. Watkins, Ernest Broadhead, Rulon Lewis, Roe Carlile, Harold Horrocks, Rollin Lawton, Leslie Bethers and Horace Turnbow. Later as Glen and Margene Cobbley moved from the Ward, Lynn M. Stanley was made Chairman.



The old John Hansen home occupied the northeast corner where the chapel now stands. (240 East 400 South)

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Spring run-off water from Center and Lake Creeks had worn channels through property of the Third Ward area. Most of them were later filled in. Ditches and channels crossed Main Street and wagons drove through them. However, there was a bridge over Main Street near Second South and another one between Center Street and First South.

There were no utility poles in Heber when the Heber Third Ward was created as electricity did not come to the community until 1909 when E. Parley Cliff came to Heber as city electrician and wiring inspector to supervise the wiring of homes and businesses throughout the town. Then the utility poles were erected down the middle of the streets. The Heber Light and Power Plant had been built about five miles north of Heber. Mr. Cliff, in addition to being a fine electrician, was a dedicated Heber Third Ward member, holding church positions in the Wasatch Stake and Third Ward until his death in 1922.

The quarter block of Second West and Third South where the Dan S. Tucker and George Stanley homes are now located was called Sleepy Hollow. It derived its name from a fairly deep depression made by water channeling. An early Sleepy Hollow School flourished there for elementary pupils until the Central School was erected in the early 1890's. As late as 1906-07 high school subjects were taught there to about twenty students. When the old Sleepy Hollow School had outlived its educational usefulness, it was used as a stable to house horses for students who rode into school from outlying districts. Horses that pulled school wagons were sheltered there. After the stable's demise, children of the neighborhood built summer bonfires in the hollow in which they roasted corn and potatoes. They congregated there for evening games of "Run, Sheep, Run," "Kick the Can," "Hide and Seek," and "Tag." It was akin to a small untended park.

The Heber residents were interested in the politics of the city, county, state and nation. They were fiercely patriotic and the 4th of July, the 24th of July, Memorial Day, Washington's Birthday observances and celebrations were long anticipated and greatly en-



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A matching yellow brick scout room was constructed at the rear of the chapel. Access to it was gained by going outside the main building and mounting wooden steps. It had a cement floor and movable seats.

A fire pit with surrounding wooden benches was built which enabled ward members to enjoy parties and social gatherings outdoors.

While the construction and renovation was in progress, meetings were conducted in the old Wasatch Stake Seminary building on Main Street.

At the completion of all renovation and remodeling projects, the bishoprics and ward members felt a sense of intense pride and accomplishment from their volunteered labors in renewing and improving the Third Ward Chapel through the years.

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